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Acronyms and abbreviations frequently used

CARSAT	Caisse d'assurance retraite et de la santé au travail - Retirement and Occupational Health Insurance Fund
CGSS	Caisse générale de sécurité sociale - Overseas Health Insurance Funds
CNAM	Caisse nationale de l'assurance maladie - National Health Insurance Fund
DRP	Direction des risques professionnels (CNAM) - the Occupational Risks Department of the CNAM
INRS	Institut national de recherche et de sécurité pour la prévention des AT/MP - National Research and Safety Institute for prevention of occupational injuries
OSH	Occupational safety and health

The **Health-Occupational Risks Insurance**, also referred to as the **Occupational Injuries Branch** or the **Occupational Risks Branch**, comprises the Occupational Risks Department (within the National Health Insurance Fund CNAM), the French national research and safety institute INRS, EUROGIP, the risk prevention and premium rating services of the CARSAT funds, the Ile-de-France Regional Health Insurance Fund (CRAMIF) and General Social Security Funds (CGSS), the sections in charge of examining occupational injuries cases and paying compensation to victims in the primary health insurance funds (CPAM) and CGSS, and the medical service.

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KEY FACTS CONCERNING EUROGIP



Founding date

November 1991 (official decision published in the French Official Journal ("JORF") of 3 December 1991)



Status

Public interest grouping formed by the French National Health Insurance Fund (CNAM) and the National Institute for Research and Safety (INRS)



Our 'raison d'être'

In Europe, each year, there are around 2.5 million occupational injuries, 3,500 of which are fatal. Occupational health issues are estimated to cost at least €145 billion. The battle to improve this situation must first be won upstream. This requires developing deeper knowledge and exploring the best means of action, in France but also internationally.

This is EUROGIP's 'raison d'être'. It is both an observatory and a resource centre on best practices for occupational injury and disease prevention and insurance on the international level and especially in Europe. In this context, EUROGIP carries out various activities, the main goal being to share knowledge and support the work of the Health/Occupational Risks Insurance system.



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Our network

EUROGIP, representing the Health/Occupational Risks Insurance system outside France, has over the years established a solid network of correspondents in the European bodies and national organizations for occupational injury and disease insurance and prevention. In particular, it is one of the founding members of the European network of OSH experts involved in standardization, Euroshnet, and since 1992 it has actively taken part in the work of the European Forum of insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases.

Six sectors of activity



Monitoring & information on occupational risks in Europe

These are essential aspects of EUROGIP's role. They concern OSH, occupational injury and disease prevention and insurance, regulations, standardization, statistics, publications, conferences... on the Community level and in EU countries, and even internationally. The aim is to share knowledge. EUROGIP consults numerous sources and is supported by a large network of foreign correspondents who are experts in their field.



Studies and surveys

In the form of comparisons between countries or monographs country by country, these are usually performed at the request of EUROGIP's founding members (CNAM-DRP/INRS) to cast a European spotlight on a topical issue in France. The work is based on bibliographic research, often supplemented by requests to foreign correspondents who are experts on the issue being dealt with. The results are presented in publications available free of charge at www.eurogip.fr.



Occupational safety and health standardization

On behalf of the Occupational Injuries Branch, EUROGIP coordinates the work of the occupational health and safety experts who contribute to the production of French, European and international standards in the OSH area. It provides these experts with multiform assistance, finances the work of French commissions in certain defined fields, and performs follow-up within the Branch on draft standards submitted for probative enquiry. EUROGIP is also the sole contact point for the standardization offices, and takes part in the various strategic bodies concerned.



Coordination of the "Machinery" and "PPE" notified bodies

Under the authority of the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture, EUROGIP manages the French Coordinations of Notified Bodies for the regulatory certification of personal protective equipment (PPE) and machinery. The aim is to promote an identical interpretation of Community regulations and thus ensure a high level of safety for the certified products, thanks to exchanges of experience between notified bodies and the production of reference documents.



Projects of Community interest

EUROGIP replies to invitations to tender and requests for proposals usually funded by the European Commission within the Occupational Injuries Branch range of expertise. If it wins the contract, it coordinates the French or foreign experts taking part, performs follow-up with the client, draws up work reports, etc. It can also perform services, either as a stakeholder in a European consortium, or as a subcontractor to organizations which have themselves replied to said invitations to tender.



Public relations & communication

EUROGIP conducts a policy of communication and dialogue with its French and European partners and with stakeholders in its field of activity. Transparency and openness establish trust with a view to networking, which is the very basis of all EUROGIP's activities. EUROGIP is deeply involved in the working groups of the European Forum of insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases, and in the European standardization network Euroshnet.



Administration

The Board of Directors is formed of employee and employer representatives on a 50/50 basis. Incumbents and substitutes are appointed by the Occupational Injury and Disease Commission (CAT/MP) and by the French national research and safety institute INRS:

- Daniel Boguet (President) d'EUROGIP (U2P)
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Raphaël HAEFLINGER
Director

“2018 was a year marked by two important events: negotiation of the objectives and management agreement (“Convention d’objectifs et de gestion”) of the Occupational Injuries Branch for the period 2018-2022 and the report on “Workplace health: towards a simplified system for enhanced prevention” produced at the request of the French prime minister.

In this context, EUROGIP was called on to produce various European benchmarks and draft several topical reports on a variety of subjects: organization of prevention in other European countries, financial incentives for prevention, prevention of occupational deintegration, occupational risk prevention in the personal assistance sector, etc.

At the same time, EUROGIP has to perform the programme of activity as defined at the end of the previous year jointly with the board of directors. The studies and surveys included, for example, the finalization of the report on the incidence and detection of occupational cancers in nine European countries. This enriches the now substantial collection on the theme of occupational diseases in Europe, produced mainly in cooperation with the European Forum of insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases.

Regarding projects of Community interest, EUROGIP won tenders and carried out projects notably for the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA). One such project concerns a European OSH information system, and the other cooperation with the future 2020-2022 pan-European campaign on prevention of MSDs.

Once again, the EUROGIP Discussions were a highlight of the year, on a very topical subject: challenges and opportunities of digital technology for occupational safety and health.

EUROGIP received many requests for contributions, from a variety of partners and publics, on subjects coming within EUROGIP’s broad range of expertise: occupational injury and disease insurance systems in Europe, OSH standardization, PPE and machinery regulations, etc.

In the area of standardization, the publication of the ISO 45001 standard on OH&S management systems in March gave rise to several contributions on the subject, and the organization of meetings to review all its implications, particularly for the Occupational Injuries Branch.

Finally, with regard to the “Coordination of Notified Bodies” activity, a notable event in 2018 was the implementation of the new PPE Regulation enacted in 2016 and the revision of the Machinery Directive, entailing consequences for the notified bodies.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ACTIVITY IN 2018



EUROGIP Discussions on 15 March 2018: “Digital technology and OSH”

What are the challenges and opportunities of the digital transformation for OSH in Europe? This was the main theme of the European conference organized by EUROGIP from various approaches: the influence of ICT on work organization, the impact of digital technology on occupational injury and disease insurance and prevention focusing on online platforms, the opportunities offered by digital technology to prevent occupational risks, European social dialogue, and the viewpoint of the European Commission.

The speakers represented research organizations (HSE Foresight Centre in the UK, Pyrénées Atlantiques digital technology agency and Pau University, INRS), national occupational injury and disease insurers (France, Germany, Italy), the

European Commission and EU-OSHA, companies, independent workers, and European social partners. All agreed that digital technology presents more opportunities than risks.

An initial report on the exchanges was published just after the Discussions took place, and the Proceedings, replicating most of the speeches, appeared in June 2018.

The EUROGIP Discussions aim to express a European viewpoint regarding a topical issue and to facilitate the exchange of information between stakeholders: OSH insurance organizations, public authorities, HR Directors, industrial doctors, social partners, research workers, etc.



Monitoring & documentary assistance regarding occupational risks in Europe

This involves monitoring the newsflow concerning occupational injury prevention and insurance at the level of the Community or of EU countries, or even further abroad.

The issues arousing particular interest in 2018 were as follows: changes in the European legislation on occupational cancers, retention in employment of accident victims or those afflicted with chronic diseases, work-related mental illnesses, falls from a height and on the same level, prevention of risks

related to exposure to dangerous substances, personal services, and the social welfare of self-employed workers.

The ISO 45001 standard on OHS management was also the subject of regular monitoring, as well as the technical documents of occupational branches in Germany, Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom, which could be useful for the work of the National Technical Committees (CTNs) if they wish to produce guidelines in this area.



EUROGIP infos

This is a platform for online articles and a monthly newsletter on occupational risks in Europe. The information, available in French and English, is organized in four sections: Community news, Standardization news, Country news and Events.

For all sections combined, the “top 5” articles receiving the most clicks in 2018 were:

- “The Commission publishes a guide to application of the PPE 2016/425 Regulation”
- “Working safer with construction machines”
- “The ISO 45001 standard will be published on 12 March 2018”
- “From policy to practice: OSH in micro and small enterprises in Europe”
- “EU-OSHA’s 2018-2019 campaign targets dangerous substances”.



New publications in 2018

Apart from the topical reports (see p. 11) which were extremely numerous in 2018 in light of the news, the following publications were posted on our website:

- Occupational safety and health standards - An essential lever of primary prevention (in French only)
- Incidence and detection of occupational cancers in nine European countries
- Second-hand machines: what regulations apply? Review of six European countries
- Standardization activity of the Occupational Injuries Branch - Excerpt from the 2017 report
- Statistical review of occupational injuries in France: 2016 data
- Examples of financial incentives for occupational risk prevention in Europe
- Digital technology and OSH in Europe: Initial summary and proceedings of the 2018 EUROGIP Discussions
- European Pillar of Social Rights: the Commission’s initiatives relating to work
- EUROGIP - 2017 annual report.

EUROGIP infos, and all the EUROGIP publications and reference documents on occupational safety and health are downloadable free of charge at www.eurogip.fr



Incidence and detection of occupational cancers in Europe

The report entitled “Incidence and detection of occupational cancers in nine European countries”, resulting from work performed in cooperation with members of the European Forum of insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases, was published in French and English at the end of 2018.

The first part presents an overview of claims for recognition and cases recognized over about ten years. It also identifies the types of cancers

(location/exposure) most frequently recognized. In the second part, the report describes experiments to detect the possible work-related origin of cancer cases in Denmark, Italy and France, countries where such systems have been identified out of the nine covered by the study. At the same time, the German and Swiss systems for post-occupational monitoring of workers exposed to carcinogenic agents, considered efficient, are described in detail.



Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries, France, 2016

In July EUROGIP published a statistical review updating the French data relating to accidents at work and occupational diseases for 2016, with a recap of the previous years. This report mostly presents the raw data, for the frequency index and trend, concerning

the major variables of the OSH system from the incidence and financial viewpoints. This is the eighth “Statistical Review” devoted to France, thus providing an overview of the data from 2008 to 2016.



European Pillar of Social Rights

The European Commission organized a hearing on the subject of the European Pillar of Social Rights, to which it invited EUROGIP.

Based on the information collected, EUROGIP published a report entitled “European Pillar of Social Rights: the Commission’s initiatives relating to work”. The report gives a reminder of the EU’s importance on issues concerning organization of the working world and, more specifically, occupational safety and

health. The initiatives outlined concern the social welfare of European workers at a time of new digital-related forms of work, which could, eventually, completely alter certain policies. Against this backdrop, EUROGIP considered it important to give an update on the Community initiatives, including the Council’s recommendation on access to social welfare for both salaried and self-employed workers.

Four topical studies for the Occupational Risks Department (DRP) or within the framework of the "Lecocq Report"*:

— Incentives for occupational risk prevention

To contribute to the negotiations on the objectives and management agreement ("Convention d'objectifs et de gestion" - COG) 2018-2022, the Occupational Injury and Disease Commission (CAT/MP) called on EUROGIP to examine existing incentive systems in Europe for preventing occupational risks. The reports produced covered the following systems:

- Germany: incentives to encourage enterprises to invest in prevention measures
- Austria: free OSH assistance for enterprises with less than 50 employees
- Denmark: sector-specific "prevention packages"
- Italy: massive financial support for corporate investment in OSH.

— Chemical risk prevention tools

In response to a request from the DRP concerning the tools available throughout Europe to support enterprises in their legal chemical risk prevention actions, three countries (Germany, Spain and Italy) were targeted and their practices reviewed (Thematic report to be published in the first half of 2019).

— OSH in the personal assistance sector in Europe

Personal assistance, both in the home and in institutions, is a very accident-prone sector in Europe. Prevention in this sector being a strategic guideline of the French "COG" agreement on OSH 2018-2022, EUROGIP investigated the policies developed in other countries, to identify potential levers, processes and dynamics. The subjects covered concerned information, training and capability for reaching a public that is hard to access, because it is often employed by private individuals, isolated, and not necessarily highly skilled, and marked by black market or "grey market" work forms.

— Occupational risk prevention stakeholders in Europe

Within the framework of the Lecocq assignment on occupational health organization in France, EUROGIP was called on to find out more about prevention stakeholders in the other European countries. Starting from raw data based on bibliographic research and its knowledge of the existing systems, EUROGIP described the organization of prevention in Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, Italy and Sweden.

* The French Prime Minister entrusted Mrs Charlotte Lecocq, Member of Parliament, with the task of leading a mission relating to occupational health, the objectives of which were primarily to evaluate the performance of the French occupational risk prevention system and to identify the organisational and other levers that could improve this performance.



Supervision of “standardization” activity and coordination of the network of experts

In 2018, EUROGIP coordinated the participation of 81 occupational risk prevention experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch in French, European and international standardization work relating to OSH.

To help these experts in their work, EUROGIP provides them with various tools, including “Normabase” on the progress status of standards, and “Norm’Actions”, the “who does what” in standardization in the Occupational Injuries Branch. EUROGIP also finances the experts’ annual membership rights in French standardization committees or groups in which the position to be put forward is established.

EUROGIP also acted as coordinator for establishing the positions and responses of the Occupational Injuries Branch within the framework of numerous consultations of the normative system. This concerned the creation of new bodies (revision of the directive on noise emissions, prevention of road risk, changing ways of working, etc.) and the initiation of new subjects relating to artificial intelligence, laser radiation, road risk management, etc.

The Occupational Injuries Branch’s internal consulta-

tion procedure enabled it to express a collective opinion on 20 draft standards undergoing investigation, including 17 on the safety of machinery (construction, lifting and handling machinery, etc.). EUROGIP’s role is also to alert the CNAM and INRS on the setting up of working groups, the start of projects and the need for experts so that the Branch may be represented on subjects which are important for it.

EUROGIP maintained its capability for weighing on the normative consensus by taking part in various strategic bodies: AFNOR strategic policy committees on “Health and Safety”, “Management and Services” and “Healthcare”, the “Industry of the future” strategic impetus group, the European Strategic Advisory Body for Occupational Health and Safety standardization (CEN SABOHS) and the European “Advisory Nucleus” committee for machinery. EUROGIP is a member of the AFNOR “Cercle des coordonnateurs normalisation” allowing an exchange of good practices in standardization between representatives of large groups and government departments.



Standards watch

To be able to be positioned as far upstream as possible in the process and identify arising challenges, on behalf of the Occupational Injuries Branch EUROGIP keeps watch on:

- The emergence of new standardization issues or bodies, projects underway, and revision of existing standards on fields invested or not;
- Increased use of new formats of normative docu-

ments, such as workshop agreements, produced very rapidly without the participation of all the stakeholders;

- Growing involvement of standardization in non-technical fields such as health services and OH&S management systems and the globalization of work.



Work on OHS management systems

In 2018, EUROGIP continued to take part in work on the international level (ISO PC283) and French level (AFNOR/X82A committee) until the publication in March 2018 of the ISO 45001 standard on "Requirements for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems and guidelines for use". As of April, ISO/PC 283 was transformed into a permanent Technical Committee together with a work programme. It met for the first time in Coventry (UK) in September.

In addition to permanent groups on communication and terminology, two technical working groups have the task of writing two manuals: one concerning

small and medium-sized organizations for implementation of the ISO 45001 standard, and the other concerning an ISO 45003 standard relating to mental health and safety management in the workplace. Furthermore, within the framework of the "COG" agreement 2018-2022 adopted in September, EUROGIP took part in meetings of the Branch's "Management and Prevention" group for gradual implementation of the guidelines for "developing tools and methods to make the largest possible number of enterprises independent in the area of occupational safety and health management".



Forms for handling prevention problems

The Occupational Risks Branch contributes to machinery market surveillance by means of the system of "forms for handling prevention problems" initiated in 2006 by the CNAM and EUROGIP.

These forms are produced by the CARSAT personnel based on feedback from the field following incidents or accidents. They make it possible, for a given prod-

uct, to detect the absence of a standard, or a measure provided for in the standard but not applied or inadequate.

Over a more or less long period of time, the initiatives taken by the Branch lead to the compliance of products and manufacturers and an improvement in existing standards.



"Webport" database

In partnership with the Ministries of Labour and Agriculture, EUROGIP is contributing to updating the "Webport" database. In 2018, the database contained 1944 standards in force (in a French version or even an English version where applicable) relating to health, safety and working conditions, including 50

new standards.

The tool is made available to the documentation departments of the CARSAT funds and the INRS, and to trade union and industry organizations, via the internet.

French Coordination of the "PPE" and "Machinery" Notified Bodies

The activity of management of the French Coordination of Notified Bodies for assessing conformity in the personal protective equipment and machinery sectors is defined by agreements signed between EUROGIP and the Ministries of Labour and Agriculture.

Within this framework, EUROGIP has to organize and conduct the meetings to which the organizations and ministries in question take part. These meetings are designed to determine joint positions applicable by the French notified bodies, to prepare

— In the field of personal protective equipment (PPE)

In 2018, EUROGIP twice convened the General Committee which comprises the twelve notified bodies covering all the products and devices subject to third-party assessment in accordance with the regulations. The main issue was the implementation of Regulation 2016/425 applicable on 21 April 2018. EUROGIP informed the notified bodies of the positions determined by the European Commission on interpretation of the transition period between the Directive and the Regulation.

It assisted the notified bodies in their analysis of the Regulation and proposed new Recommendation for Use sheets. Those that were of extra-national interest were translated and distributed to the European Coordination for discussion.

EUROGIP also took part in the impartiality committees of three notified bodies. These committees, which bring together manufacturers, users and notified bodies, were established within the framework of the ISO 17065 accreditation regarding the impartiality of notified bodies in relations with their clients.

the positions to be asserted on the level of the vertical groups or on the European level, and to discuss the decisions taken during meetings between Member States.

The work also involves solving the often complex technical issues that still exist and taking into account standardization work.

The EUROGIP website is updated regularly following the publication of new lists of harmonized standards and notified bodies.

— In the field of machinery

In 2018, the General Committee which comprises six notified bodies met twice, and nine meetings were held with the sector groups. The main work concerned:

- Revision of the Directive: approved by the European Commission following the impact analysis carried out in 2017, the revision should focus on improved definitions of concepts such as quasi-machinery or allowance for the new legislative framework.
- Support for notified bodies during the revision of harmonized standards concerning, in particular, the machinery in Annex IV. For example, the French Coordination was called on to provide technical information for:
 - WG2 dedicated to presses, during the public enquiry for the EN ISO standard 16092-2 & 4;
 - WG4 dedicated to refuse collection vehicles, during the public enquiry for the EN 1501 standard parts 1 to 3 and part 5;
 - WG6 dedicated to machines for the lifting of persons, which supported the prevention experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch for the revision of EN 280.
- Interpretation of various provisions relating to the EN 280 standard. French Recommendation for Use sheets were drafted and then proposed to the European Coordination for an opinion.

Participation in the European "PPE" and "Machinery" Coordinations

— In the field of PPE

EUROGIP took part in a Steering Committee meeting and a plenary meeting of the European Coordination, during which the discussions concerned:

- Updating and adaptation of the Recommendation for Use sheets (RfUs) of the PPE Directive drawn up by the Coordination of Notified Bodies for the publication of the new PPE Regulation;
- Revision of the RfUs and production of new sheets relating to the transition period, in particular the possibility of using production monitoring procedures in accordance with the new body of regulations based on certifications, directives, etc. Some of these RfUs still have to be validated by the European Commission;
- Brexit: the European Coordination of Notified Bodies questioned the European Commission at length on its impact for the UK notified bodies and for manufacturers having EC type examination certificates issued by those organizations.

— In the field of machinery

EUROGIP represents the French notified bodies in meetings of the European Coordination, the technical secretariat for which is provided by the Dutch Standardization Institute (NEN).

The Horizontal Committee met twice in 2018 and discussed, in particular, the revision of certain RfUs and the revision of the Directive (see above).

Certification by notified bodies

EUROGIP collects the reports on EC type examination certificates issued by the notified bodies, and the decisions taken under Article 11 of the PPE Directive and Annex X of the Machinery Directive. Regarding PPE, the number of certificates decreased by more than half year-on-year (1,696 in 2018 versus 4,234 in 2017) due to the implementation of the new Regulation on 21 April. However, the certificates issued in accordance with the Directive remain valid until 2023 to ensure the tran-

sition between the two sets of regulations. A very large number of EU type examination certificates were issued under the Regulation. This reflects manufacturers' good awareness of the change in the regulations and the good preparedness of the notified bodies to handle the extra workload due to this transition period.

Over the same period in the field of Machinery, around 150 EC type examination certificates or certificate extensions were issued.

European OSH information system

The two-year contract signed with the European Commission to design and set up a European information system on occupational safety and health ended in March 2018. The objective was to:

- describe the national systems in the form of a functional set of closely linked structural elements and relevant indicators;
- ensure implementation of this model via the collection, classification and incorporation of information relating to OSH in an online platform,

developed and managed by EU-OSHA.

A seminar with all the European Commission's National Contact Points was held in 2018, to validate a shortlist of indicators and collect data in all the EU Member States. All the data collected was submitted to the European Commission for development of the monitoring tool by EU-OSHA in 2019. In this project, EUROGIP was accompanied by its German partner KOOP.

Mental health in the construction sector in Europe

EUROGIP was called on to take part in a project subsidized by the European Commission and coordinated by the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) and the European Federation of Building and Wood Workers (EFBWW) on the subject of mental health in the construction sector.

The project began in early 2018. It aims to

- describe the situation regarding work-related psychosocial risks (PSRs) in the construction sector in several countries;
- monitor changes on the European level;
- gather and present examples of good health and safety practices;
- perform research on changes in working condi-

tions in the construction sector;

- produce a PSR "evaluation tool", in particular for SMEs.

As national expert for France, EUROGIP had a mandate to present an overview, draft the national report based on documentary research, and carry out an online survey. In all, replies were received from 37 people in occupations representative of the sector: social partners, OSH personnel, doctors, enterprises, etc.

The general report includes these conclusions and those of six other countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland and Poland.

EU-OSHA campaign on MSD prevention

EU-OSHA sent out an invitation to tender to help it produce reports, studies and surveys as part of the 2020-2022 European campaign on MSD prevention. The European consortium led by Panteia (NL), in which EUROGIP took part, won this tender in March 2018. A second consortium, led by the Institute of Occupational Medicine (United Kingdom), was also chosen by EU-OSHA, which had decided to select between two and eight tenderers. Both consortiums will therefore be able to reply to specific invitations to tender according to the work to be performed. The "PANTEIA" consortium won the contract entitled "Overview of facts and figures concerning MSDs: prevalence, cost and demographics of MSDs in

Europe". As a member of the Scientific Committee, EUROGIP's task was to examine the work and deliverables produced by the consortium, and as national expert for France, to identify sources of information on MSDs (national surveys, epidemiology, etc.) and search for data by sector, age, gender, etc. In December the "PANTEIA" consortium won another tender, aimed mainly at collecting and incorporating in an EU-OSHA database practical tools and resources collected on the international and Community levels and in all the EU Member States to improve knowledge of MSDs and help enterprises prevent them.

A new methodology for gathering OD statistics on the European level

EUROGIP is a member of "Task Force EODS" (European Occupational Diseases Statistics) set up by Eurostat in early 2017. This task force is to define a new methodology for the production of harmonized European statistics on occupational diseases. This expert group met in March 2018 to comment on the results of comparative statistics delivered after the first meeting.

For several groups of diseases, the differences of prevalence are probably due to the heterogeneity of the recognition criteria applied in each country. In November 2018, EUROGIP submitted the recognition conditions applicable in France for four new groups of diseases. A third meeting of the expert group is due to take place in March 2019.

European Forum of insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases

This European Forum, founded in 1992, aims to promote the exchange of information and experience between the member organizations of 21 countries, often faced with the same insurance, prevention or rehabilitation issues.

EUROGIP has been involved in the Forum's activities for a long time. In 2018, this concerned, in particular:

- the work of the "Occupational Diseases" Group which it leads, and which published the report on occupational cancers (cf. p. 10); the conclusions of

this study were presented at the conference organized by the Swiss presidency (Suva) of the Forum at Lucerne in October;

- maintenance and updating of the website (www.europeanforum.org), of which it is in charge;
- the Forum News publication, for which EUROGIP is the French correspondent.

Also, the "Communication" Group mandated EUROGIP to create a Twitter account (@EuropeanForum_).

Euroshnet, the European standardization network

EUROGIP is a member of the Steering Committee and the permanent secretariat of Euroshnet, the European network of experts working in OSH organizations in Europe and involved in standardization, testing and certification. It chaired the network for one year, from April 2018. The main activity was the organization of its sixth European conference which will be held from

12 to 14 June 2019 in Dresden, on the theme "Be smart and stay safe - innovative products and workplaces".

For the first time, the conference programme includes a selection of about fifteen contributions out of the 40 received in response to a request for proposals.

Bilateral relations between France and Germany

For some years now, meetings between the DGUV and the DRP/EUROGIP have been held regularly to discuss topical news concerning OSH on either side of the Rhine. The main subjects of discussion at the

December 2018 meeting in Berlin were retention in employment, prevention in the personal assistance and healthcare sector, and a review of the situation regarding the insurance of platform workers.

Press relations and social media

EUROGIP continued its efforts to make its work better known and increase the recognition of our organization. This has taken the form, in particular, of very close relations with certain specialist press media. Meanwhile, the Twitter account is fed data very regu-

larly, whether it be institutional information or news on occupational risks in Europe. The LinkedIn account was revived at the end of the year, notably to promote the 2019 EUROGIP Discussions.



Outside contributions and speeches

Due to its expertise and the topical nature of its work, EUROGIP is called on to take part in certain activities, present its analyses or speak on subjects coming within its area of expertise.

The following activities may be noted in 2018, for example:

- Contribution to various work concerning the ISO 45001 standard and OH&S management: notes for the Luxembourg Committee, thesis for certification of an engineer of CARSAT Bourgogne Franche-Comté, article in No. 253 of the *Hygiène & sécurité du travail (HST)* review on OH&S, etc.
- Meeting as part of the assignment entrusted by the government to Mrs Lecocq on occupational health in France; the discussions concerned the organisation of prevention, the characteristics of insurance systems or incentive mechanisms for prevention in other European countries, France's position regarding the incidence rate, and comparability of the statistics.
- Coordination of two conferences at Preventica Lyon, one on the theme of "management and prevention" in cooperation with CARSAT Nord-Est to discuss in particular the service offering of the Occupational Injuries Branch in this area, and the other with representatives of the INRS and CARSAT Rhône-Alpes on the theme of "prevention and performance".
- Opening of a one-day seminar by the CGT trade union on the theme of "Gender and work", with a presentation of differences in the work context at the European level, and the consequences in terms of occupational risks.
- Contribution, at the request of the Ministry of Health, to the preparation of the Programme of Quality and Efficiency (POE) appended to the PLFSS (Social Security finance bill) concerning data on the frequency of occupational injuries and travel injuries in France, Germany, Spain and Belgium.
- Contributions within the framework of the new PPE regulations during a meeting between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Brazilian national authorities on the various aspects of the conformity assessment procedures or during "Rotorcraft External Loads" theme days organized by the Direction générale de l'armement (French government defence procurement and technology agency).
- Presentation to "work equipment" correspondents of the CARSAT funds and INRS of a topical review of standardization concerning machinery, lifting equipment, control systems, etc.
- Participation on the jury and award of a prize in the context of the video contest for technical and vocational secondary schools on occupational safety organized by the INRS, and award of a 2018 "Or 'Normes" Trophy rewarding business plans based on proactive standards.
- Speech in an inter-CTR meeting at the request of CARSAT Nord-Est on the participation of the Occupational Injuries Branch in OSH standardization work and on occupational injury and disease insurance systems in Europe.
- Contribution to the drafting of a practical guide (finalization in 2019) for the French standardization committees to allow for OSH aspects in the standards.
- Participation in the working group set up by the Ministry of Labour for the revision of the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC aiming in particular to analyse the current legal framework in light of the development of artificial intelligence in the industrial sector.
- Contribution, with the CNAM and INRS, to updating of the sheet entitled "Agir en amont sur la conception des équipements et des lieux de travail" ("Acting ahead of equipment and workplace design") of the PST3 Health Plan on participation in standardization work, especially for sensitive standards undergoing revision (refuse collectors, geotechnical drilling equipment, earthmoving and public works machinery, etc.).



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